GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SOIL EROSION IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a large scale erosion of River Banks of Barak Valley;

(b) if so, whether Assam has demanded fund from the Union Government to control the menace; and

(c) the decision taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a), (b) and (c) Erosion in banks and beds of the rivers including those in Barak Valleys is a natural phenomena, the intensity of which varies with location from year to year. Assam Government has been requesting Central Government for funds to control floods and arrest erosion problem.

The Central Government has provided Central Loan Assistance to the State Government of Assam from 1974-75 onwards. An amount of Rs.390.94 crore as loan and Rs.10.09 crore as grant has been provided to the State Governmentof Assam upto March, 2000. Central Government has also framed a Flood Control Scheme titled "Flood Control Schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak Basin" amounting to Rs. 50.00 crore for the remaining two years of the Ninth Plan period in which the share of Assam is Rs.40 crore. The scheme has been approved by the Expenditure Finance Committee.